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## OWENSBORO METHAMPHETAMINE MANUFACTURER SENTENCED TO 5 YEARS 10 MONTHS

*– Defendant also placed on 4 years of supervised release*

OWENSBORO, KY - David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, and Paul Vido, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Louisville Field Division, jointly announced today that **James Wayne Robertson, Sr.**, age 48, of Owensboro, Kentucky was sentenced to 5 years and 10 months imprisonment by the United States District Court, Owensboro, Kentucky, for conspiring to manufacture and distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine and possessing methamphetamine with the intent to distribute. There is no parole in the federal judicial system. Joseph H. McKinley Jr., Judge, United States District Court, also sentenced Robertson to 4 years supervised release following incarceration. Robertson's interest in five firearms and \$845 in currency was forfeited to the United States.

Robertson previously pled guilty to charges that on or about and between January 1, 2000, and February 2, 2006, he conspired with others to manufacture 50 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine. He also admitted that he possessed methamphetamine on April 13, 2005, April 22, 2005, and May 7, 2005, with the intent to distribute it. The street value of the drugs involved in this case is greater than \$5000.00.

**This is a Project Backfire prosecution. Project Backfire** is a cooperative effort by federal, state and local police departments, here the Daviess County Sheriff's Department, and the United States Attorney's Office, to ensure that firearm offenses are prosecuted to the fullest extent of the state and federal law.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney James H. Barr. The Bowling Green Field Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) conducted the investigation in partnership with the Daviess County Sheriff's Department, as part of ATF's mandated mission to reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety.

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